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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: INVITATION FOR PAKISTAN TO
PARTICIPATE IN COESPU

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¶1. (U) SUMMARY: Post is using several channels -- in coordination with Italian officials -- to invite and encourage Pakistan to participate in March classes at the Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units (COESPU). The Pakistanis seem to want the COESPU training and are on board with the concept, but we doubt they can quickly pull together a list of suitable nominees by the February 2 deadline. We should work with Pakistan and Italy to facilitate attendance at later classes if the March event falls through. END SUMMARY.

¶2. (SBU) On January 22, PolOff delivered reftel demarche to MFA Director (UN I) Haider Shah, the point person on peacekeeping issues. On January 24, PolOff and Italian Embassy's first secretary Silvia Marrara met again with Shah to jointly deliver parallel diplomatic notes asking for Pakistan's participation in COESPU. At the second meeting, Shah said that he had already shared the invitation with the Ministries of Interior and Defense. He said that the Government of Pakistan was favorably disposed to attending COESPU and that a formal response would follow shortly. However, Shah cautioned that compiling nominations would take time because the Ministry of Interior does not have a ready pool of suitable officers from which to draw for this type of initiative. (Note: A Department of Justice official at post, who has substantial experience working with Pakistani law enforcement agencies, confirms this -- Pakistan has very few managers in its police ranks compared to its top-heavy military. End note.). Shah also asked whether Pakistan could include military personnel in its list of nominees because there is "some overlap with the military" in the Stability Police Unit's purpose.

¶3. (SBU) Post's Narcotics Affairs Section (NAS) has informally passed the COESPU invitation and background information to the Ministry of Interior -- probably the key decision-maker regarding the training. NAS will also pitch COESPU to pertinent officials at its February 1 bilateral steering committee meeting with the Ministry of Interior.

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